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STANTON.

Secretary Stanton's Political Position in 1860.

The Hon. Jere. Black's Card to the Public.

[Correspondence of the New York Herald.]

Since the death of Mr. Stanton some newspaper writers have revived the scandalous accusations which began to be promulgated, I think, in 1863, concerning his conduct while a member of Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet. It is asserted that he came into that administration with views entirely opposed to those of the President and the men who were to be his colleagues, all of whom, except Messrs. Holt and Dix, were in favor of the Southern Confederacy and ready to sacrifice the Union that supported by those two he bullied the rest; that he terrified the President by threats of resignation into measures which otherwise would not have been thought of; that he urged immediate war upon the secessionists to crush out the rebellion; that, though defeated in this by the treason of his associates, he carried with a high hand the contents of a sound policy; that by these hardy displays of hostility to the administration which trusted him he promoted the interests and won the gratitude of the country.

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I am not the special defender of Mr. Stanton, and I certainly would not assail him. Before he fell away from the Democratic faith and friendship of Andrew Jackson I think there was no separation afterwards, except the separation which is inevitable between two persons who differ widely on politics, which he believed by both to be vitally important. Our correspondence of last summer and autumn (begun by him) shows that I was able to forgive him my particular share of the injury he had done to the liberties of the country, and he had my sincere good wishes for his living health and welfare. His political attitude towards the Buchanan administration, previous to his appointment as Attorney-General, is wholly misunderstood or else wilfully misrepresented. He was fully with us at every stage of the Kansas question, and no man felt a more loathing contempt than he did for the bravery of the Abolitionists in refusing to vote upon the Lecompton constitution, when their submitting that a vote was needed to repel slavery from the new State, and thus terminate the dispute by deciding it in the way which they themselves pretended to wish. He was with us in the Charleston business, and blamed him severely for the unreasonable and mischievous actions which he has created in the party. He was with us in the support of Douglas and Everett—found no favor in his eyes. In the course of 1860, he regarded the salvation of the country as depending upon the defeat of Breckinridge's election. We knew the abolitionists to be the avowed enemies of the Constitution and the Union, and we thought the Republicans were unworthy of public confidence, so long as they allowed such men to be associated by their alliance with them. As we saw the march of these combined forces upon the capital we felt that the national flag and the arms of the country were in as much peril as Rome was when the Gauls were pouring over the broken battlements. All party ideas were as nought in such a danger. It was no time to stand upon the ordinary rules of party warfare. What was the Federal Executive to do under these circumstances? Make war? He had neither authority nor means to do that, and Congress would not give him the one or the other. Should he consent to compromise the dispute? He could offer no terms and make no pledges which would not be repudiated by the new administration. Could he mediate between the parties? Both would refuse his umpirage, for both were as hostile to him as they were to one another. Nevertheless he remained with them in their councils, he carried with a high hand the contents of a sound policy; that by these hardy displays of hostility to the administration which trusted him he promoted the interests and won the gratitude of the country.

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The Dead Journalists.

Attended by all the honoring circumstance and ceremony which the living can pay to the dead, the remains of George D. Prentice were yesterday borne to Cave Hill Cemetery. As soon as the weather renders it possible he will be laid in his final resting place by the side of the little family group that has gone before him; and those who gather for a moment as it were about the still open grave must feel that there is something in this reunion—so calm and satisfying and peaceful—that smooths out the furrows of a life which, long and splendid though it has been, was not without its cares and its sorrows. There is a song of Herder's, which Mr. Prentice was fond of and which he used sometimes to repeat, that ran in this wise:

What though no maiden tears ever be shed
O'er my clay bed;
Still will the generous night never refuse
To weep her dews;
And though no friendly hand garland the cross
Above my rest,
Yet will the clear moon tenderly shine
Down on that sign;
And, though the passer-by sorgloesly pass
Through the long grass;
There will the modest violet blow pleasantly hum
And warm winds come;
Yes, you at least, ye dells, meadows and streams,
Stars and moon-beams,
Will think on him whose weak, meritless lays
Teemed with your praise!

The music sounds like one of his own songs. The lines are indeed of his own rendering. He was himself a poet of the fields, the skies, the flowers, "the dells, meadows and streams, stars and moon-beams," and his imagination, in spite of the brilliant scenes and associations by which his career was surrounded, took an habitually melancholy turn. Perhaps no man was ever followed to the grave by a more touching interest. Assuredly few men ever lived who inspired so much personal interest. There was in his very faults something that took hold upon the popular fancy; and he united in himself three elements which never fail to exert a powerful influence among the people. He was brilliant, brave and generous. He was an intellectual match for any man. He was physically and mentally afraid of no man. He gave bountifully and spontaneously to all men. There was buried with him a spirits vehement and daring; and there lives after him a reputation greater than that ever achieved by a journalist in this or in any country.

It is not our purpose to attempt a review of Mr. Prentice's work or to enter upon an estimate of his character or to sentimentalize in his loss. We have given the bare circumstances of his life as fully as they could be gathered; for he was never disposed to speak over-much of himself and could not be prevailed upon to furnish more than the merest outlines for his biography. That his precocity was marvelous; that he was a prodigious student, and that his fame rested upon the solid foundations of a scholarship that was anything than provincial and sustained itself from first to last by a labor before which most writers of our time would stand amazed, we have been asked to state, with a few instances of a singularly illustrative kind. It is too early to extract other than a passing moral from the strange and splendid story which the record of his times has left us, and he himself would have us shed no tears. He lived out almost the allotted three score years and ten; he died with the harness on his back and all his senses clear and full about him; and it is not too much to say that his influence over his associates and the influence which he wielded by his pen, though they were perhaps not so generally understood and recognized by the public, were never greater than during the last year of his life. "I will make the last years of my life," he said on the 1st of January, 1869, "the best years of my life; and I shall work like a tiger." He did in truth, and there is no one who will miss his presence and feel his loss so sensibly as he who had most occasion to know his value and to value his genius, and who relied upon him as upon a staff that seemed to have no bend in it.

But the course of nature, like her decrees, is inevitable. This superb existence, has paid the debt which, greater or less, it could not long delay; and all that remains to us is the glare of its radiance in which we stand yet for a moment. That radiance lights up a whole cycle of history and discloses images which this country still delights to look upon.

Clay and Marshall and Crittenden! They were his contemporaries, his companions, his friends, and it is much to say of him that he borrowed no luster from them, but that he let the recognizing presence of his genius fall upon their lives and they were brighter for it. They are all once more contemporaries in presence of the great Genius of the Universe; the Statesman by whose compromising spirit and patriotic heart peace was so long maintained among the people; the Orator who charmed and dazzled, and was his own greatest enemy; the Senator who made the last effort to avert the strife of States; the Wit, the Journalist, the Poet who launched a party against the winds and currents and was its steadiest and truest pilot so long as a single battered fragment rode upon the waters;—all are gone now and stand side by side, immortal peers.

For each of them the hand of Prentice did what a feebler hand dare not try to do for Prentice. He was equally rich in mind and heart. He ranks with Cobbett as the greatest partisan who ever handled a public journal. He ranks with Horace Greeley as the most incisive, clear and homely writer for the people who ever vivified and illuminated the American press. As a master of rapid and logical statement, he never had a superior; and as a keen, pungent, satirical, ready, dangerous, exhaustless paragraphist, and the founder of that scintillating mode of political warfare, he never had an equal. He has given us, as a matter of recreation, some of our sweetest songs. He leaves to his descendants a name which is known and honored wherever the language which he loved and understood so well is written or spoken. He is the pride of journalism with every journalist who is able to comprehend the meaning of his work; for Prentice was surrounded by no local advantages, nor was aided by any of the circumstances which belong to family and fortune. He came to Kentucky obscure and poor, and he erected in a wilderness a fabric which was worthy of any of the great capitals of the world.

And now he sleeps in Cave Hill Cemetery, and will ere long lie by the side of one whom he married for love, and of another whose death, though it was upon the battle-field, well nigh broke his heart; he sleeps there in peace at last after a career of surpassing brilliancy, length of days and stormy warfare; and presently, when the "warm winds come," the flowers which he planted and the meadow-grass which was greener in his song will grow over his grave; and the people with whom he lived, and who were honored because he lived among them, will begin to realize what we cannot now clearly understand—that Prentice is dead. There is no one to take his place; no one to succeed him; and perhaps this is well. It may be questioned whether he did not exercise a greater power than should reside in the hollow of one man's palm; for we cannot know whether another would use it so sparingly and so unselfishly. He was without ambition. He never asked a favor for himself. He was never a candidate for office in his life. He laid by but a moderate competency. He worked to the end, patient, kindly, but vigorously and not discontentedly; doing his own work and often offering to do the work of others; refusing all demonstrations of honor and all personal assistance; in truth,

"A Titan among the sons of men."

And he is dead and in his coffin, where he was not loth to go; he is dead with the laurel crown fresh upon him; he is dead to a world of love and pity and admiration; but so long as there is a grave-stone left upon that sunny hill-side, so long as there is a newspaper printed in this city, the descendants of the present generation, and the stranger who comes here from afar, will seek out, curiously and lovingly, for the spot where he was laid. The man is dead. But Prentice is not dead.

The Fifteenth Amendment.

Very often in life we experience only discomfiture out of that which we looked to with the longest and surest hope. No man can foresee the play of events with sufficient accuracy to determine in advance precisely how this or that circumstance or this or that principle is going to affect the main project which he has in view. Omens or evil become blessings in disguise. Anticipations of good vanish with the realization. We are constantly deceiving our neighbors. Presently we get to deceiving ourselves.

Parties are especially exposed to delusions of this nature. They are at once passionate and imaginative, and an idea fairly set in motion seems to run along the entire line until it possesses all its length and thickness. This is due partly to ignorance and partly to a mechanical habit of following. "We fall," says Guizot, "as we lean." Our desires continually carry us away with them; and we do not commonly stop to question their promises until the impulse has subsided.

The Democratic party, to take a ready example, made a great mistake in what it expected of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. The Kansas-Nebraska bill, which embodied that repeal, was made a test question, and no man was held to be a good Democrat who did not stand up squarely to the rack. The fidelity of every Southern politician was suspected if he flinched for a moment. Time went on. Old Buck came into the Presidency on a flood-tide, and began at once to carry out vigorously the policy of the party in the new Territories. But the result did not answer the anticipation; and in the end it turned out that the repeal of the Missouri Compromise had strengthened the enemies of slavery instead of enlarging the area of what was called the slave power. Both Kansas and Nebraska grew into ultra Republican States. The middle men, such as Robert J. Walker and Frederic P. Stanton, went down between two mill-stones; and in 1860, as in 1856, the Kansas-Nebraska bill was the strongest weapon that was used against the Democratic party.

The Fifteenth amendment, it seems to us, is a delusion of the same sort. It has haunted the Republicans a long while. It is the last of the questions which were given to the country by the war and which belong immediately to the passions and *rationale* of the war. The Republicans ought to desire to keep it open as long as possible; for they have everything to gain from it as it stands. But when the Fifteenth amendment becomes a sealed book there will be an end of legal artifices in behalf of the civil and political status of the negro. He has been made a freeman, a citizen and a voter. What else? To this extent laws can certainly be made effectual. But no further. To "take another step in advance" is impossible in law. The very next step beyond is an invasion of human nature. Yet the more irresponsible of the Radical leaders will attempt to force the Republicans to take it, and in doing so will divide their strength.

Every one of the Southern States reconstructed under the Fifteenth amendment will fall into the hands of the Democratic party and the Republicans can not risk a division in the North. On suffrage they can hold together—and on any other proposition concerning the negro. Suffrage being settled leaves the ultras nothing to do but to agitate for social equality, which can not be made to work as a political instrument. Besides, the total disappearance of the negro question as a live and progressive element in our politics will clear the field for new divisions and combinations upon financial topics from which the Democrats have everything to hope. So that the jubilation in Radical circles over the Fifteenth amendment is pure effervescence and amounts to nothing at all. A very few months of universal suffrage will develope the truth of this most thoroughly.

As to the principle of State rights which is struck at by the Fifteenth amendment, New England had better look out. She is now the apostle of centralization, when she owes her own unequal power to the strict observance of State lines and jurisdiction. Virginia was cut in two. Texas is to be cut in four. The same power may reduce the six New England States to one. That is the moral part of the Fifteenth amendment which the sharper of the Yankees should look to. The South went to war to preserve slavery and lost it. New England is trying to ruin the South in order to get a consolidation of the government by which she can only apprehend the loss of her individuality and power.

The Wants of Peace.

There is nothing more certain than that the age of heroes and of hero-worship is gone from the higher civilization of the modern world. There are now strictly speaking, no heroes. There are not wanting men of ambition and of the noblest forms of courage and daring in the hour of battle and danger. But ambition now seeks quite different objects from what it did in the days of Nimrod, Achilles, Julius Cæsar, Peter the Hermit, Mohammed, Charlemagne, and Napoleon. Courage also compasses different ends from what it did in the distant past. Its rewards are altogether different.

The object of ancient ambition was the conquest of foreign nations. It sought to found new empires, or to enlarge those already founded. Hence courage was its soul and life, because deeds of daring, an utter disregard of danger, together with the capacity of physical endurance and omnipotence of will, kindled for it a reverent, enthusiastic admiration in the hearts of the people. The military genius—the mental ability to comprehend the relations and powers of the units of armies at a single glance, and to martial them in the strongest possible movements in relation to local circumstances and the opposing forces—the power of rapid combination in intuitive perception, were the real instruments of ancient leaders, more effectual even than the armies which they commanded, because these mental powers secured success, or turned present disaster into good fortune. The mass of people worshiped genius in a great chief. They felt its transcendent worth, though ignorant of its true character. Feeling that it was far above the possessions of ordinary men, they referred its origin to the gods, and bowed before it as a divine presence deserving of human worship. Ambition, courage, and genius were the three essential qualities of ancient heroism. Where these met in a single person he was sure to find hosts gathering around him as a common center of life—thousands of brave hearts and strong arms, ready to follow him into new fields of conquest and of glory, ambitious alike to die or to conquer under his inspiring leadership. This is the spirit of hero-worship. It is a loss of personal identity in another—the sincere, glad cry of the heart after real greatness—greatness not of the highest or most useful order, but of greatness best calculated to strike itself deep into rude natures in which the imagination reigned over reason and the moral principle, and which were ever yearning for the excitement of startling events. Heroism and hero-worship belong to ages essentially sensuous, yet stirred and vitalized by ideals of power and splendor, embodied in the awful tragedies of war—the fall and rise of empires and dynasties.

Strictly speaking, there were no parties in the heroic ages. There were heroes only, and their worshipers were but their own personalities incarnated, as it were, and living, breathing and working, in a grand vital unity of conception and of accomplishment, in the masses that gathered round them. Hence their presence was everything. Their names were a perennial fountain of deathless inspiration—a source of constant intoxication of glory. They were as gods. The people followed in their train as drawn by an invisible spirit that completely dazzled the imagination, and erected its very throne in the self-determining power of man. In what would appear as their parties, there was but a single mind, a single heart, a single hand. Diversity and multitude were lost in the unity of a single chief, upon the beat and rhythm of whose heart all things depended. The success of the leader was the success of his followers. Even his disaster was their glory, and it poured itself forth in lyric legends—the war-songs of other days. In all this we see the triumph of imagination, of genius, of courage, of the love of glory, disconnected from science or knowledge in statesmanship guided by the moral principles of the social state.

The world has changed. The rich intellectual powers of man have been developed. The civilized world no longer wonders after a great man as if he were a child of the gods. The splendid realms of science and art and literature afford to genius a more soul-satisfying employment than schemes of conquest. Life has become earnest in the individual; and in proportion as life is earnest there is the indomitable purpose, guided by intelligence, to ameliorate its state and condition. It has been found that the means of temporal prosperity are treasured up in nature, in the products of the soil, in the beds of minerals, in useful inventions and discoveries, in the powers and adaptations of nature to the arts of peace. The idea of conquering nations has given place to the idea of conquering nature, and laying her treasures under contribution to the wants of man. The task of statesmanship is becoming more and more the science of peace—the art of directing the energies of a great people in opening up and bringing into practical requisition the natural resources which a kind and merciful Providence has provided them with in the geographical limits and relations which it has assigned to them as their home. We want roads to facilitate the transit of all manner of products, macadamized roads and railroads, so as to bring the producer and the consumer face to face in the markets. We want bridges erected over streams, rivers cleared of obstructions, light-houses erected, and harbors improved. We want communications, cheap, safe, and speedy, between the heart and distant extremities of the country. We want the minerals worked and turned into utility, ornament, comfort and wealth. We want the native energy and industry of human nature stimulated by finding employment for every one, by which he may at least find exemption from the consuming and demoralizing cares of actual want. We want a profound sense of the true object of govern ment developed in the hearts of the people, that it is an instrument with which the better to secure the present good of each and all. We want treaties with all nations, through which the most intimate mercantile and commercial relations may be established between the great commonwealth of the race, and the products of every climate and of every people find a safe transit to the places where human wants call for them. We want cheap and certain justice, and a profound sense of personal and domestic safety. Above all, we want the minds of the people educated in solid, practical knowledge, that those great interests of human life in the world may be developed, secured and protected through the intelligence and virtue of a cultivated population. Hence we want colleges, universities, institutes, wherein shall be taught the sciences, the useful and ornamental arts, the deep lore of philosophy, and the graces of literature. We want a grand system of education provided and offered to the masses, through which the toiling classes shall learn to labor intelligently and with profound self-respect, feeling that all paths of thrift and amelioration belong to them of right, as members of a common social system. We want science and knowledge turned over to the useful and beneficial—in the language of Lord Bacon, we want "fruit." We want the causes of destroying epidemics searched out and removed. We want the principles of hygiene taught the people, and the general average of human life lengthened. We want to prevent crime by changing and modifying the circumstances of the people, particularly of certain classes, and to strengthen the domestic and social virtues by the gradual elevation of the mind to the usefulness of life. Such, in general terms, are the wants of the modern world. To secure these things is becoming more and more the distinct conception and purpose of the social system of humanity.

☞ Horace Greeley persists in his determination to tell us what he knows about farming. If his object is to instruct us he ought to tell us what he doesn't know about it.

Death of Charles O. Faxon.

A private dispatch received here yesterday from Clarksville, Tenn., announces the death of Mr. Charles O. Faxon, for some time one of the editors of the Louisville Courier. He died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. L. A. Faxon, in Clarksville, at twenty-five minutes to 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He has many friends in Louisville and in other parts of Kentucky, who will receive this intelligence with the most sincere regret. His health has been very precarious for a long time, and his death was therefore not unexpected.

Mr. Faxon was no common man. He was a journalist by profession, and as such had few equals in the West. He was a man of wonderful versatility of talent. There is nothing connected with either the editorial or the mechanical department of a newspaper that he did not understand thoroughly. He wrote with singular rapidity, and always wrote well. His political and other editorial articles, invariably written upon the spur of the moment, were strong, forcible, and logical, the most of them evincing the highest order of talent as a politician and a newspaper writer. His witticisms and "pungent paragraphs" were surpassed only by those of the late Mr. Prentice. Sharp and keen as they were, they were never marked by the slightest touch of anger or bitterness. He was one of the most generous and kind-hearted of men, and never intentionally wounded the sensibilities of those with whom he engaged in newspaper controversy. His blade was as bright and keen and flexible as were the blades of Damascus, and although it often played like a swift gleam of light about the heads of his political foes, the cunning hand by which it was wielded was never used to inflict a serious or a lasting wound. He was utterly incapable of cherishing or even knowing a vindictive feeling, and this fact was known and appreciated by all with whom he came in editorial conflict. His best friends were among those to whom he dealt the severest blows.

Mr. Faxon began his career as an editor at an unusually early age. He became the writing editor of the Clarksville (Tenn.) Jeffersonian at the age of eighteen, though for nearly two years his name was not announced as such. For twelve years, previous to his removal to Tennessee, his father was the proprietor of the Buffalo Republican, the organ of the Democratic party in Western New York, and there, while learning the art of printing and of writing for the press, Charles derived much benefit from his father's knowledge of politics, his acquaintance with politicians, and his experience as the manager of a party organ. The lessons he then learned served him an excellent purpose up to the close of his newspaper career.

Soon after the death, in 1859, of Mr. E. G. Eastman, the able editor of the Nashville Union, the leading Democratic journal in Tennessee, Mr. Faxon, whose ability was fully appreciated by his party, was urged to accept the editorial control of that paper. But this he declined to do, for the reasons that he then held the comfortable position of Postmaster at Clarksville, and that his invalid wife was unwilling to go among strangers to live.

At the fall of Fort Donelson, Mr. Faxon went South. In 1864, he became one of the editors of the Chattanooga Rebel, at the same time discharging the duties of foreman in the composition room. This twofold position, the duties of which he fulfilled with the highest credit to himself, he held until the paper surrendered to Wilson's raiders at Selma, Ala., in the spring of 1865. For the last year or so of the existence of the Rebel, he wrote the greater number of its leading articles, which were generally regarded as among the ablest that appeared in the Southern press during that period. Meantime, he continued to act as foreman of the mechanical department of the office. He did the work of two men, and did it quite as well as two men could have done it.

Soon after the close of the war Mr. Faxon became the leading political writer of the Louisville Courier, the publication of which was resumed here on the 4th of December, 1865. With what very marked ability he discharged the duties of that position, the readers of the Courier will not soon forget. He continued his connection with the paper until some time in the summer of 1868, when he was forced to relinquish it on account of his failing health. He then returned to his old home at Clarksville, where he remained until his death yesterday morning, and where, for some time, he wrote the editorial matter for the Tobacco-Leaf. As we have already intimated, it would be almost impossible to find a more useful man in a newspaper office than was Mr. Faxon. He knew how to do everything that was to be done, and was always ready to do it. He was familiar alike with the duties of every branch of the editorial profession, and was a practical printer of great taste and skill; and his varied abilities as an editor and his taste and skill as a printer were always called into play whenever required by the interests of the journal with which he was connected.

There is little or no doubt that Mr. Faxon's brother, Henry, was the author of the popular poem "The Beautiful Snow"—at least the fact is not doubted by those who know how far more capable he was of writing it than are the two or three who claim to have written it. That he was the author of it was never disputed, we believe, until after his death, in 1864. A short time since an article claiming the authorship for another appeared in some of the newspapers. On reading it Mr. Faxon became quite excited at the thought of such persistent acts of injustice, and did not cease to regret that his feeble health did not permit him to vindicate his brother's title to the authorship of the poem, which he was confident he could easily do.

Mr. Faxon leaves a wife and several children. He died of consumption. He was about forty-five years of age. May the turf press lightly upon that breast whose warm, generous and kindly emotions—and it knew none other—are now forever stilled.

Here is a sensation for you! It is from the New York Democrat of Saturday: "A strange and painful rumor has been whispered around to-day relative to the death of the late Secretary Stanton—almost too strange for belief. It is said that the sudden death of Mr. Stanton was the act of a suicide—that he cut his throat. Those who speak of it give the fact that the public was not permitted to view the body of the deceased in the funeral casket. Although Mr. Stanton in life gave evidence of great personal courage, it would be a strange end for the career of a man of his position. It is also said the insurance company in which deceased had a life policy are to investigate the rumor." If the reader believes this, he must do it at his own expense.

☞ Russia has undertaken a very important work of internal improvement. It is known to geographers that the river Oxus once flowed into the Caspian sea, instead of the sea of Aral, as it now does. It is proposed by Russian engineers to turn the river back to its original course, thereby securing a means of water communication from the Caspian sea into the heart of Asia. As the river Volga, with its branches and connecting canals, now affords the means of navigation between the Caspian and the Baltic, the scheme, if successful, will be of the greatest military advantage to Russia. Men and munitions of war could be sent from Cronstadt to Afghanistan at a smaller expense and with much greater rapidity than by the present land route. The preliminary surveys for the work are now in progress.

☞ The New York Tribune declares that for the first nine months of the present administration the national debt was reduced at the rate of a little over three dollars per second. If General Grant is anxious to pay the national debt at once, let him stop the stealage of his party for two hours and a half.

A Personal Statement.

It has been printed in the newspapers, and it became matter of common talk, that my resignation was forced. It was believed by those who knew that I had done my utmost to serve him; and that he never rewarded me was his fault.

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A fine vein of water has been struck in the court-yard at Harrodsburg.

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F. Mayers, a prominent merchant of Newberry, N. C., has absconded.

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Tuscumbia, Ala., is to be the county seat of the new county of Colbert.

The tobacco crop of Macon county, Mo., is reported of unusually fine quality.

Melberries are ripening in the vicinity of Tampa, Fla., and promise a large crop.

Three thousand bales of cotton were received at Savannah, Georgia, on Saturday last.

Roasting-ears were in market at Brownsville, Texas, a few days ago—the last of the season.

Mardi Gras is to be celebrated in New Orleans this year with great pomp and display.

About one thousand laborers from Virginia will be introduced into the parish of Iberia this season.

The majority for the Texas Constitution was 67,299. The total number of votes against it was 4,068.

Several capitalists of Chattanooga are endeavoring to have that city annexed to the State of Georgia.

The Executive Committee of the Georgia Agricultural Society meet in Atlanta on the 10th of February.

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A. Mitchell is the gentleman honored with the mayoralty of Fayette, Mo., and John T. Clements with that of Macon City.

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Memphis, talking the impeachment of Judge Nathaniel Harrison, of the Seventh Circuit, was introduced in the West Virginia House of Delegates on Friday.

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Mr. DAWES replied that he was not informed of the fact officially When he should become so, he would not doubt such action.

DAWES' REPLY TO BUTLER.

Mr. DAWES then addressed the committee in reply to the speech of Mr. Butler yesterday, undertaking to prove that his own speech, which was arraigned yesterday, was made on a sitting occasion, and the speech was true, and that it was proper he should make it. He had been charged with having, with his eyes open, prostituted his official position to the benefit of the Democratic party and to the sacrifice of his own credit; but it would have been more to his taste could he have left the speech on this place before the bar of free and candid critics to which everything that was said on this floor must ultimately be submitted. The gentleman in his speech had been confined to what was contained in the speech itself, it had not been his intention to trouble the House or those who read its proceedings with anything in regard to it; but when the motives that actuated him in its delivery were deliberately impugned and a charge made that these had in there no alternative to but to ask its indulgence to the extent which he had indicated, and therefore he would not further direct or solicit further preface to inquire what occasion he had to make that speech.

That speech was delivered upon a bill involving a gigantic work, involving immediately, as he thought, and ultimately, certainly, the expenditure of a large sum of public money. He had been charged with the duty, in company with eight other members of the House, of taking care of the public expenditures, and it had been the opinion of that committee that that was a proper occasion, through one of its members, to express to the House the reasons of his objection to the bill, and if he failed to his lot to give utterance to those reasons. He had been spokesman of the Committee on Appropriations and so he had made the speech in that was the occasion for the speech of his colleague, and he submitted to the House whether it was a proper occasion for it. It had seemed to gain a public hearing, and that it had never occurred to him that anybody would ever intimate he had seized an improper occasion for submitting the speech which he did; but far more important than that was the other inquiry, whether what he said on that occasion was true, and he stood to-day, after more than a week since its delivery, to submit to the judgment of his peers that not only was it a fit season for that, speech, but that what he uttered was in all essential and important particulars the truth.

Mr. DAWES then proceeded, with the book estimates in his hands, to refer to item after item of the estimates of the various departments, to show that his original objection to the excess of the estimates over the appropriations of last year were in every respect correct. Passing on from figures, he said: I should rejoice as much as any man at any development going to show how much the people of this country have been relieved by the burden of taxation by a reduction of expenditures since Andrew Johnson left the Presidential chair. But the statement that I was investigating and the inquiry that I was putting to the country, was, whether, as between this year and next year, the tendency of expenditures was upward or downward, and I felt it a duty for me to contribute what was in my power, if I thought I could, if that tendency was upward, that it should be arrested, and that in these halls for the administration of the government, to so manage public affairs that the tendency should be downward, not upward.

Now, sir, figures may be piled upon figures, amounting to millions of difference between Andrew Johnson's Administration in that regard and the first year of this Administration, but they don't rest on my shoulders. Broadsides may be fired from that point of view, but the missiles all fall harmless at my feet, for there is nothing in all that I said that had any reference to the Johnson Administration or Andrew Johnson's Administration of appropriations and expenditures in his Administration. I only compared the book estimates for last year were made by Mr. Johnson's Administration in a spirit of hostility to the incoming Administration precisely what Mr. Johnson would carry on the Administration, but what General Grant would carry on for the benefit of the people whose interests were put down so as to embarrass the incoming Administration; and that was said by one who was himself a party in the Committee on Appropriations, and who, further to embarrass this Administration, cut down these estimates twenty millions of dollars. [Laughter.]

The truth about that statement is that nobody ever heard of it until yesterday. If anything is a matter of history in the history of expenditure is upward or downward in the departments it will be found in two items for salaries and contingent expenditures, and I ask the committee to listen and say whether salaries and contingent expenses as asked for in this book estimates are upward or downward as compared with expenses for present year.

The excess of estimates over appropriations, for the fiscal year 1869, for salaries and contingent expenses, are as follows: State Department, $38,930; Executive Department proper, $960,000; Treasury Department, $250,000; Department of the Interior, $88,-808; Department of War, $6,450; Navy Department, $56,670; Agricultural Department, $64,620; Postoffice Department, $30,800; total excess of estimates for salaries and contingent expenses for those departments, over the appropriations of this year, $328,198.

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alter, and the night of it extorted a desperate cry for relief, it could [illegible], it would not be borne. But should they therefore attempt to build a refuge from this distress on the shifting quicksands of repudiation? Mighty error! and a galling sense of extreme injustice had driven many honest minds to embrace that fearful delusion. Every sense of duty must follow with the most determined tendency. The issue was in the hands of the party in power. He himself was not for repudiation. He saw in it neither credit nor honor. If repudiation should hereafter come to dishonor the American name at home and abroad, it would be because a dominant party persistently enabled the creditor class and sondbuilding monopoly to violate their part of the contract, and to plunder the people to an unbearable extent. The doctrine on which he placed himself, with an absolute faith in its legibility, was that embodied in the noble and upright resolution of the recent Democratic Convention of Indiana, that the debt should be paid in strict compliance with the contract, the 5-20 bonds being payable in greenbacks. The law now which authorized the national banks to issue notes does not simply provide that it is legal tender for all debts public or private, except duties on imports and interest on public debt. Therefore, if the people owed anything else besides duties on imports and interest on public debt, greenback currency was legal tender for its payment, that rose or fell in a bare statement to a full force of demonetization.

HOUSE.....WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.

REPUDIATION.

Mr. GOLLADAY made a speech in favor of the doctrine set forth in Mr. Stungen's speech before the recent repudiation of the national debt. Referring to Mr. Voorhees' speech of yesterday, he said he was not only edified, but highly instructed by the remarkable polar star distinguished Democratic friend. He was captivated with his logic, and struck breathless as it were, by the grandeur and boldness of his imagination in depicting the horrors and wrongs and the injuries inflicted on people by bondholders. His logic, however, was convincing. There was no inconsistency in much he said, which, if it could be reconciled with what he had said elsewhere, would wipe out in effect two-thirds of his sp ech, and make the speech directly in the interest of the repudiation theory, which he (Golladay) opposed. If the speech proved anything, it proved that the contract didn't bind the people because they had not received any general or legal consideration. He adopted his friend's argument in support of his own theory. His friend declared that he was not a republican and the whole force of his figures and argument was to show the immorality and injustice of the war on the part of the Democratic side of the House the other side ought to make war on Stevens, as preachers sometimes do, against the doctrine that they did not like to make war upon Paul and not upon Peter. Mr. Stevens was their leader, and they should not war on him. They should answer Senator Morton, of Indiana. They should answer Senator Sherman, of Ohio.

GEORGE D. PRENTICE.

Remarks of Hon. J. B. M'Creary

In the House of Representatives on the 24th inst., on the passage of a resolution tendering the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives to Henry Watterson, for the purpose of delivering a memorial address on the career and services of George D. Prentice.

I have heard for the first time, within this hour, of the death of George D. Prentice, the great Nestor of American journalists. Death, with his relentless mark, a general blow," has struck down one of our brightest, most loved, and most respected ornaments. A landmark has been obliterated which young and old, rich and poor, have looked to for years. A pillar supporting the great temple of knowledge and literature has fallen, and all who love gentle, manly learning pay respect statesmanship mourn over its downfall.

For forty years we have been accustomed to listen to the sparkling wit and genius that came to us "in linked sweetness long drawn out." For nearly half a century we have felt his influence and the sparkle of his wit in society, and our whole country has been lighted by his knowledge and power as a journalist. His fame and his genius belonged to all, and there is no one left to wear his mantle. I have known George D. Prentice in the days of his honor, fame, and power, and I have seen and listened to him when the infirmities of age and the necessities and helplessness of the people and armies when they were wholly at the mercy of capital. He had made his calculations, and made things safe. He had under contribution the wrongs of the people, and the enormous advantages of bond holders rather than over estimated that case. The $2,000,000 in bonded bonds to the amount of $60,992,452 at six per cent.: the average price of gold was then 184¼ in currency—the highest point—at the first issue of over sixty millions paid for those bonds $44,039,649 in gold. If those bonds were to be paid back in gold, holders would receive $16,951,801 more than they paid to the Government. This was a bonus or gift. On this bonus interest to the amount of $42,304 was already paid, and interest yet to accrue on it would reach the sum of $14,239,536. The account, therefore, for this bonded gold bonus, amount excess of estimates for salaries and contingent expenses for those departments, over the appropriations of this year, $328,198.

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PENITENTIARY REFORM.

Resolutions expressive of regret at the death of Geo. D. Prentice, and requesting that Henry Watterson, editor of the COURIER-JOURNAL, would at some early day deliver before the Legislature a memorial address upon the life and character of the illustrious editor and poet, were submitted in the House this morning and adopted by a unanimous vote. Col. McCreary subsequently submitted a resolution tendering the use of the Hall of Representatives to Mr. Watterson on Thursday evening, the 27th inst., for the purpose indicated, and this too was adopted without a dissenting voice. Col. McCreary accompanied his resolution with appropriate remarks. I need hardly say that the news of Mr. Prentice's death caused a universal gloom at the Kentucky State capital.

THE CHARTER OF LEXINGTON.

The charter of the city of Lexington was to-day so amended as to require the election for municipal officers to take place on the last Thursday in January, 1870, and every third year thereafter. This was first introduced in the Senate this morning, and passed without opposition. It was then reported to the House, when the Radical member from Rockcastle proposed to amend by adding a clause reciting that, whereas the passage of the Fifteenth amendment might find some of the citizens of Lexington disqualified, therefore authority should be given to municipal officers, in all such cases, to take all needful action for healing of such amendment, as well as "our colored fellow-citizens." This proposed amendment caused some amusement, but was promptly laid on the table, and the bill was passed as it came from the Senate. It is worthy of note that the amendment to the Lexington charter was voted for by a single Radical member in either House.

OUR NEXT GOVERNOR.

The next election for Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not come off until the first Monday in August, 1871—the successful candidate taking his place in the following September. Although the election is considerably more than a year off, the gubernatorial succession is being canvassed in some quarters. As the matter now stands Senator McCreary and Hon. James D. Bright, either of whom it is taken for granted—though neither I believe has ever said anything of the kind—would accept the honor if tendered him, are the whole force of his figures and argument was to show the immorality and injustice of the army on that side. No one could read the gentleman's speech outside of that part of it where he declared himself not a repudiator, and not believe that he had not swapped places with himself.

Mr. VOORHEES—Can the gentleman not get the reporter's notes?

Mr. GOLLADAY declined to yield.

Mr. VOORHEES—Perhaps the gentleman does not appreciate the difference between paying for a horse and paying what we do not owe.

Mr. GOLLADAY—The gentleman made an argument in favor of repudiation, much better and stronger than I can hope to make. It was as a gift that the bonds were given, the bonds were issued. If the gentleman from Indiana submitted entirely to the naked question of contract, it was a plain case that the bondholders held his bonds according to the legal contract. If he took another portion of the argument, that the war was unconstitutional, that there was usury and extortion, the gentleman was squarely upon his [Golladay's] platform. He was not going with the Democratic party were upon his platform, although they had not the courage to say so in the face of the country.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—The gentleman having made such a charge, will now allow me a word.

Mr. Golladay declined to yield.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—I must say that I consider the gentleman's course rather cowardly.

Mr. VOORHEES—The gentleman has a right to form his own estimate of what he considers cowardice, and if he desires it there are other subjects than that in connection with which he can be bravery, and other means by which he may testify than by making a statement.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—I only referred to cowardice in debate.

Mr. GOLLADAY—I return the words of the gentleman as he said them in which they are returned. I presume he does not mean to impute cowardice to me. If he and the gentleman from Indiana mean to make such an imputation, I say, personally, politically, politically and intellectually.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—You don't show it.

Mr. GOLLADAY—I proceed with his speech, and claimed that Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, was himself a practical repudiator, in an unconscious way, by adding a clause in which he took the ground of equal taxation or repudiation.

Mr. BIRD followed in a speech against repudiation, dissenting from the views of Messrs. Mungen and Golladay.

Mr. ELDRIDGE took the floor, and denied the right of the gentleman from Kentucky to charge him or his associates with standing on his platform without the courage or manhood to assert it. He [Eldridge] would declare the position which he maintained on these financial questions.

Mr. VOORHEES did not hear the gentlemen state what that position was.

Mr. ELDRIDGE informed him if he would be patient he would hear it. Referring to his speech delivered a few days ago, he said he did not call in question the physicial courage of the gentlemen or his moral courage. In debate the Democratic bill was denounced in its views in no uncertain words on the question of currency and finance. The indirect tax bill, the gold bill was denounced as a legal-tender for all debts public and private, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt and in substituting for bonds and loans made to the United States. Was there any uncertain sound in that? Was there any weak courage in that? Was the veritable leader of the House, who had gone to his final rest [Stevens, of Pa.], had declared in this House that it was a public crime to attempt to repeal the legal-tender act, and that he would not, become a law. Since the emancipation proclamation the farmers of our State have suffered no little from their disposition to rove about and disregard the obligations of contracts. Often at the most critical time planters were deserted by their hands and left to shift for themselves as best they can. Although the first month of the year is not over, already the farmers have been left by negro employes regularly hired for the year,

WESTERN LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The report of the Western Lunatic Asylum, at Hopkinsville, has been made. The results accomplished in that institution during the year are of the most gratifying character. Nearly fifty per cent. of all the patients admitted during the year have been restored, and now their friends to the enjoyment of health, a fact that speaks volumes in favor of the admirable manner in which the asylum is conducted. The mortality during the year was less than two and a half per cent., an indication of the perfect sanitary measures enforced in the asylum. Dr. James Rodman has accomplished a superintendent, who is eminently deserving of the very enviable reputation he has acquired, and will certainly reflect honor upon the high degree of usefulness to which he has brought this most excellent charity.

GREEN AND BARREN RIVERS.

Hon. J. W. Johnson has laid before the Senate a petition signed by citizens of the river section asking a repeal or modification of the charter of the Green and Barren River Navigation Company. This charter was granted in March, 1866. The petition expresses dissatisfaction at the alleged excessive and increased tolls charged by the company on other than through freight, and claims that high that no boat can run the river in competition with boats of the company. It declares further that the act of incorporation of the company is unconstitutional, that it is building up a great monopoly in that country, and does its charges for locks and dams are oppressive and unjust. This river opens up a large trade with one of the best portions of the State, and the people of that section are entitled to be heard through their representatives. Z.

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PENITENTIARY REFORM.

A good deal of business was done this morning, but very little legislation of importance of a character to attract general attention.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Senator Carlisle has asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill prescribing the qualifications of voters in town and city elections. However the case may stand as to general elections, there can be no doubt that the Legislature has the power to regulate fields of suffrage in municipal elections. The proposed enactment will, I understand, contain either a provision requiring a property qualification as a prerequisite to the right to vote, or the payment on the part of the voter of a poll-tax.

THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The Senate having concurred in the House resolution for an extension beyond the constitutional limit, I have little doubt that the present session will extend to the 10th of March, and perhaps a little beyond that time. When the session is over I shall write you, and there are several subjects of first-rate importance that will engage much of our legislators' time to discuss. Z.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the State Agricultural Society took place to-day, Hon. Robert Mallory in the chair. The society adjourned subject to meet again at call. The time may be devoted so many hours of patient thought and honest toil has been left behind him as a rich legacy. His high sim of life—that to which he gave all the energies of his active nature, and the noble powers of his vigorous intellect—was the advancement of the press; and it is but right and proper that his last requiem should now be sounded by his intimate friend and associate editor.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Original Fifty Cent Store,

96½ Fifth street. Catalogues sent on receipt of stamp. C. C. Hutchinson & Co.

Neglected Coughs and Colds.

Few are aware of the importance of checking a cough or "common cold" in its first stage; that which in the beginning would yield to a slight remedy, if neglected, soon preys upon the lungs, "Brown's Bronchial Troches," or Cough Lozenges, afford instant relief.

Owing to the good reputation and popularity of the Troches many worthless and cheap imitations are offered, which are good for nothing. Be sure to obtain the genuine "Brown's Bronchial Troches." Sold everywhere.

Tried, tested and approved for forty years, the Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam for coughs, colds and consumption, and all affections of the lungs, throat and chest. Prices $1 and 50 cents. Cutler Brothers & Co., Boston. 25 Wlmwf

Testimony of a Physician.

NAWMOND, IND.

I have been selling Wintersmith's Worm Candy or Sanatorin Lozenges, and can safely say it have so far reported it as being superior to anything of the kind ever used by them. I cheerfully prescribe it as a very convenient and satisfactory way of using Sanatorin.

sat5-dlf J. B. TILMAN, M. D.

Monetary and Commercial.

OFFICE OF THE LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL, }
SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 29, 1870. }

The week closes without anything special transpiring to mar the usual routine to seasonal circles. The market is hardly so easy as during the first parts of the week, yet currency is not so scarce as to bar the passing of prime paper. Wine and twelve per cent. have been the prevailing quotations.

EXCHANGE—Has been strong, the supply weak, the demand large. The banks generally have been large buyers. The counter trade was filled, buying at par and selling at ¼ premium.

GOLD—Has been steady during the past six days, the fluctuation to the highest point being only one per cent. The amount being offered slightly decreased during the latter part of the week. The prices to-day were a shade weaker, opening at 121¼, declining to 121⅜, and closing at 3 P. M. at 121¼. We quote:

	Buying.	Selling
Gold	120½	121¼
Silver halves and quarters	118	
Silver dimes	114	

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Opened strong, but during the forenoon became weaker, closing to-day at a decline of ½ to ¾ from yesterday's figures. Business in government's was small and of little note. The street changes can be perceived by glancing to the tables below. We quote:

Five-twenties, 1861	117¼	@118¾
Five-twenties, 1862	114¼	@115¾
Five-twenties, 1864	114¼	@115¾
Five-twenties, 1865	114¼	@115¾
Five-twenties, new issue	113¾	@114¼
Five-twenties, 1867	113¾	@114¼
Five-twenties, 1868	113¾	@114¼
Ten-forties	110¾	@111¼
Cy 6's	110¾	@111¼

The following closing quotations indicate the course of prices in New York for the past three days:

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Adv.	Dec.
Coupons, '61	118	118¼	118¼	..	¼
" '62	115¾	115¾	115¾	..	¼
" '64	115¾	115¾	115¾	..	¼
" '65	115¾	115¾	115¾	..	¼
New issue	114¾	114¾	114¾	..	¼
" '67	114¾	114¾	114¾	..	¼
Coupons '68	114¾	114¾	114¾	..	¼
10-40 coupons	112¼	112¼	112¼	..	¼
Cy 6's	111¾	111¾	111¾	..	¼

LOCAL BONDS AND STOCKS—Are unchanged in prices. The figures annexed to each issue are as near correct as possible, they being governed by actual sales and not merely from prices asked. The sales will in the aggregate amount to a large sum, while individually the transactions have been small.

	Buying.	Selling.
Louisville & Nashville R. R.	90	91
City for improvements, 6 per c.	69	@ 71
City for bounty, 6 per c.	69	@ 71
City for Jeff. Railroad, 6 per c.	69	@ 71
City for L. & N. Railroad, 6, 5 & 3 per c.	69	@ 71
City for L. and N. Railroad, L. E. & G. per c.	74	@ 75½
City for wharf, new, 6 per c.	74	@ 75
City for wharf, old, 6 per c.	74	@ 75
City for water-works, old, 6 per c.	74	@ 75
City for water-works, new, 6 per c.	74	@ 75
Water-works bonds, 6 per c.	74	@ 75
" " first issue, 6 per c.	73	@ 74
" " second issue, 6 per c.	73	@ 74
" " third issue, 6 per c.	73	@ 74
" " fourth issue, 6 per c.	73	@ 74
Kentucky State bonds, old, 6 per c.	87	@ 88
" " new, 6 per c.	87	@ 88
Jeffersonville Railroad bonds, 6 per c.	90	@ 92
" " 7 per c.	91	@ 93
L. & F. R. R. bonds (C branch), 7 per c.	93	@ 94
L. & N. R. R. bonds (M. S. & N. I. R. R.), 7 per c.	93	@ 94
" " (M. & L. R. R.), 7 per c.	93	@ 94
" " (M. S.), 7 per c.	91	@ 92
" " (M. & L.), 7 per c.	91	@ 92
City for Elizabethtown & Paducah R. R., 7 per c.	90	@ 92
Ohio River Bridge Company, 7 per c.	90	@ 92½
Glasgow for Glasgow R. R., 7 per c.	85	@ 90
Shelbyville for Shelbyville R. R.	85	@ 90
Shelbyville County bond, 8 per c.		90

Bonds marked *are so, with interest added, for the last twenty-four hours, by the Frankfort, Nashville, Jeffersonville, and New Albany railroads, and the river. (Furnished by the Board

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ROUND-ABOUT.

The Darien Ship Canal.

The departure of the Government expedition to survey the route of this great work gives positive proof of the commencement of an undertaking which, if successful, will make wonderful changes in the commercial and marine interests of the world. The officers in charge of the surveying party are men of intelligence, capacity and energy. They will leave nothing undone to obtain any information that will be of value in relating to the route of the canal. No difficulty is anticipated in obtaining from the Colombian Congress the passage of a bill granting the right of way. The report of the officer commanding the expedition, after he shall have completed the surveys named in his instructions, will be a very interesting document, and, in the meanwhile, the progress of his party will attract unusual interest.

The Polygamic Mania.

The deluded women of Utah have actually met in convention and passed a series of resolutions, which were evidently prompted by their husbands, favoring polygamy, and denouncing the recent legislative action of the Government in reference to Utah. The many speeches delivered and the resolutions passed all bear the mark of having been prepared by the tyrannical wretches who are pursuing their sinful life and violating the very spirit of our social laws in Utah. This Mormon question is rapidly assuming proportions which will force it upon the immediate consideration of Congress. The farcical forbearance of permitting in this country such a shameful disregard of all moral and Christian law has now become no longer a virtue, and the question of polygamy must be disposed of. The discussions in the Mormon church are still developing. Many of the most influential men among them are opposed to polygamy, and if the Government will only stretch forth its strong arm in time, the relations of Utah with the General Government may yet be amicably settled.

Howdyism.

The comments and accounts of the visit of Prince Arthur with which the Northern press is filled exhibit a lamentable want of decency and propriety. The swarms of seedy, drunken Bohemians who have followed him like hyenas have flooded the country with the most disgusting and impertinent personal details. It does not seem to have occurred to these vagabonds that the Prince was simply here as a private gentleman, and therefore entitled to respect, and not in any official capacity, and that all of the low things and abuse gratuitously indulged in will only serve to mortify all right-thinking people. If this visit of Prince Arthur is to be followed by the introduction of what is impossible for a man of any rank to come among us without being subject to the espionage and blackguardism of a herd of "Jenkinses," his privacy invaded and his visit turned into a show. It is nothing in the eyes of these nasty, beggarly penny-a-liners that the Prince conducts himself with quietness and strict propriety. He is annoyed and intruded upon at every turn by the most pushing and impudent class of literary loafers to be found outside of a prison.

The Way the Money Goes.

From all accounts Washington is a gay place this winter. What with balls, dinners, lunches, and what not, the extravagance and display in dress and equipage were never before equaled. The President and his Cabinet and certain Senators are living in a style of imperial luxury which the paltry salaries they receive do not begin to warrant. There is no difficulty in ascertaining where the money comes from to support all of this magnificence. The President's salary would not pay his wife's milliner and corsetmaker bills. The carriages and horses in the stables of the White House could not be bought for his year's salary. The insignificant pay of the different Secretaries is not equal to their mode of life. The same may be said of most of the office-holding gentry. They are all living beyond their legitimate incomes, and would frankly cannot but think that the over-taxed people are paying, through the taxes, for the music, oysters, boned turkeys, salads, sweetmeats, wines, and flowers required every night in the "upper circles" of the capital. All is not "lovely" when a Secretary gets eight and spends twenty thousand a year. No wonder the investigation of the gold ring corruption brings to view so much executive shame. The capital is, indeed, an Augean stable.

Hotel Life.

Miss Seymour has written a book called "Home the Basis of the State," in which she comments severely upon the tendency of American families to shirk the duties and cares of housekeeping, by living in hotels for years at a time, and frequently for a lifetime. There is a vast amount of good sense in the arguments she uses, but the misfortune is that the people who might be benefitted by it are not likely to see it, and are still less likely to read it. To the credit of the men be it said, that as a class they strongly object to the publicity, frivolity, shallowness and tittle-tattle of hotel life. They like the privacy, respectability and independence of their own homes, and generally fight manfully against breaking up their establishments when their wives, growing tired of the monotony of the domestic hearth, impelled by vanity or love of excitement, not unfrequently tired of trying to regulate a household properly with inefficient or dishonest servants, paint in glowing colors the delights of life at a hotel, and insist on making the exchange. Very often the experiment is made, and in a few months one of two things happens—either the head of the family becomes wearied to death of his surroundings, of the everlasting bustle and clatter in the dining-room; of the groups of women who gossip all day long in his wife's parlor, and could not be kept out by anything short of the small-pox or a red-hot poker; of seeing his children shut up in one or two dismal corridors from morning until night, of being stared at; of having his sneeze shake the whole building; everything, in fact, that is unbearable for a man of any rank to come among us without being subject to the espionage and blackguardism of a herd of "Jenkinses," his privacy invaded and his visit turned into a show. It is nothing in the eyes of these nasty, beggarly penny-a-liners that the Prince conducts himself with quietness and strict propriety. He is annoyed and intruded upon at every turn by the most pushing and impudent class of literary loafers to be found outside of a prison.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

HARRY PLACIDE, the veteran actor, is dead.

A GOTHAM wit calls the blondes the pale of society.

THE President wears his polley on his sleeve for Dawes to peck at.

OLD maids are described as "embers from which the sparks have fled."

LORD BROUGHAM once said that the semi-colon never had full justice done to it.

PRINCE ARTHUR put a guinea into the contribution plate on Sunday in Washington.

DAWES, according to the Philadelphia Telegraph (Radical), is "a cowardly assassin."

PATTI-CAUX, it is said, intends to retire from the stage for a year or eighteen months.

MISS OLYMPIA BROWN, Esq., says that no man who smokes should be allowed to marry.

SIR SAMUEL BAKER'S Abyssinian expedition has been heard from up to January 1st. It had reached the head-waters of the Nile.

BRIGHAM'S Mormons are becoming excited, and declare that they will die before the Gentiles shall interfere with their institutions.

A LONDON crowd was "greatly amused when the carriages of a wedding party were blocked in a narrow street by two loads of cradles and baby wagons.

A LITTLE English girl thought the Spinsters must be a very large family. She heard in church almost every Sunday that some of them were going to be married.

A CRITIC, speaking of Carlotta Patti's vocalism, says: "We bang upon every word." "This is a proof of the lady's remarkable power of execution," remarks a contemporary.

THE St. Louis representative at the Ecumenical Council is classed in the official list as coming "from one of the ends of the earth," along with the prelates of Port Natal and the Cannibal Islands.

PRESIDENT Woolsey, in an article on divorce in Hearth and Home, says the nation is running into abstractions, and is losing the idea of wife and husband. "Nothing can do so much to destroy the ideal of woman and of the wife in endeavoring to enforce woman's political equality with man.

ASNA GARSCHINA, a young girl at Kieff, in Russia, rescued recently seven children from a burning house which none of the firemen dared to enter. The Emperor, upon hearing of her heroism, sent her a thousand silver roubles, and the Empress presented her with a valuable necklace.

THE Dublin Evening Mail states that the Rev. J. C. M'Causland, rector of Clonmore, near Drogheda, has received notice of the late Mr Peabody having bequeathed him a sum of £2,000, in consideration of the "pleasure" with which Mr. Peabody has perused a treatise of his on "The Hope of Israel."

GOTTSCHALK is thus sketched by the Boston Post: "His music partakes of the character of the man. It is sensuous, brilliant, dreamy with sentimental langor and coruscating with gorgeous effects. None of his compositions possess that depth of thought and expression which can make them great. But he was a master of the piano."

IN constructing a new street in Paris, a cemetery used in the days of the first revolution has been uncovered. Among other human remains was found a remarkably beautiful head of a woman, in a wonderful state of preservation. The fair hair still adhering to the head bears the coiffure in fashion in 1793-94, with twisted and powdered tresses.

THE London Postoffice Directory has just been issued. In the commercial department the Smith family counts 1,600; the Joneses the Browns are about 800; the Joneses rather a large number; the Whites are 450; the Greens 350; the Knights and Days about 300 each; the Johnsons and Johnstons over 600; the Robertsons and Richardsons 400; the Thomsons 500; the Turners 400; the Woods 400; and the Wards 300.

GIRLS are respectfully requested to go West by a careful investigator, who gives statistics to prove that in Ohio there are 40,500 more men that women; in Michigan, 40,000; in California, 144,000, and in other states similar proportions. On the contrary, in England there has an excess of women. In Massachusetts there are 36,000 more women than men; in Rhode Island, 6,000, and in Connecticut, 7,800.

IT HAS leaked out, says the New York Journal of Commerce, that Mr. Charles Sumner has earned some sort of fame as a Boniface very cheaply. It is said that a gentleman long connected with the Treasury Department, and who knows all about every loan negotiated by the United States, drafted the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Sumner. Before being submitted the bill passed the separate revision and consideration of the Hon. Salmon P. Chase, Henry C. Cooke, and Jay Cooke, and the informant goes on to say that he saw the argument of Mr. Sumner's speech, made up in bear like shape, and trifling of one of the gentlemen above named."

SISTER SARAH KIMBALL thus expressed herself at the recent meeting of the Mormon women in Utah: "We are loyal citizens of the United States. We have been faithful and true to the standard raised for our liberties. We are faithful to the Constitution. My grandfathers fought in the Revolution. My great uncle was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. I pray that the principles and the spirit of God that are with us may be extended to Washington, that our Chief Magistrate may feel the spirit of this audience and of our disgust and contempt of the movement made in Congress."

GEN. THOS. H. TAYLOR, says the Mobile Register, "is about leaving Mobile, to take charge of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Louisiana, in his native State, Kentucky. Gen. Taylor's qualities of disposition, his fine social qualities and true manliness of character have endeared him to a host of friends here, and they view his departure from Mobile with sincere regret. He will carry away with him our best wishes for the success and happiness in his new home and vocation. Capt. Ellison, of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Louisiana, could not have made a better selection for agent of his company in Kentucky, where Gen. Taylor is so generally known and universally esteemed."

THE New York Post, a high authority, thus discusses surnames: "A considerable number of surnames are patronymic in the strict sense of the word, *i. e.* terms derived from the name of a father ancestor. Roberts and Richards, as well as Robertson and Richardson, meant the son of Robert or Richard. We have three Celtic patronymic prefixes; the Gaelic *Mac*, the Irish *O*, and the Welch *Ap*. The last is usually contracted, as in Powell and Bevan for *Ap*-Howell and *Ap*-Evan. Browning was the son of Brown, Fitzroy the son of a king. The name of Fitzgeorge is now borne by the sons of an English royal duke, whose inclination was to marry their mother, but whose royal blood rendered a legal connection impossible. The eccentric pronunciations of several surnames have been modified or disused in America. Like the word clerk, Derby, Berkley and Kerr are commonly pronounced here as they are spelt; and the usage of the middle classes in England is going in the same direction. But, sanctioned by fashion, sufficient anomalies remain, at least in the pronunciation of the bewilderment and despair of foreigners. Leaveron-Gower and Cholmondeley, the family names of the Duke of Sutherland and Marquis of Cholmondeley, are pronounced *Lesson-Gore* and *Chumley*. Marlborough and Abergavenny are respectively called *Beehan* and *Abergenny*. Marjoribanks is properly sounded *Marchbanks*; Marlborough, *Maulboro'*; Colquhoun, *Cahoon*; Farquharson, *Farkarson*; Knollys, *Knowles*; Mainwaring, *Manering*; de Ros, *de Rooss*; Crichton, *Cryton*, &c. Nor are such vagaries of pronunciation confined to surnames. Cirencester is called *Cester*; Greenwich, *Grinnich*; Marylebone, *Marribon*, while Magdalen and Calus Colleges become *Maudlin* and *Kayes* in the mouths of the Oxford and Cambridge students.

PRINCE ARTHUR is described by the Boston Post as the perfect picture of an English "swell," exactly as represented by the late John Leech in the pages of the London Punch. His whiskers are of the long blonde kind, full, wavy, and abundant. His features are rather sharp and otherwise; his nose is aquiline, and its stature, though rather above the medium hight, he yet bears a strong resemblance to his brother, the Prince of Wales. His dress smacks of St. James street, London (not St. James street, Montreal), and he has the precise, gentlemanlike, correct appearance of those loungers in Hyde Park, who ogle the ladies over the railing of Rotten Row, or hold sly converse with pretty Anonymas in pretty broughams. To particularize, he wore an olive-green broadcloth surtout, dark pantaloons, a standing collar, light scarf, and on his head a black silk hat was rakishly cocked; gloves and cane completed his whole get-up. He appears to have a careless, easy, affable way about him that seems natural and not assumed. All the members of his suite are nobs of the first water. Col. Elphinstone is a man of the highest fashion, of large fortune, a fast liver, and well known in London and Montreal for gallantry, prodigality and courage. He is a cool duelist, a good soldier and a thorough-paced man of the world. In point of looks he is no preposessessing as the Prince himself, and as royal in air and bearing; but of course yields in birth. Not so tall as the Prince he is more foppish in his dress, his eye is black and piercing, his beard and moustache dark and full. The retinue of the party were ordinary looking enough and the odor of royalty vanished with their presence. Four liveried footmen, regular Jeemses, of the true Yellow plush breed, brought up the rear. Nothing could be more gorgeous and impressive than their appearance in blazing livery, hats adorned, calves of prodigious size, full whiskered, pompous, impertinerible and scornful."

MR. PRENTICE'S FUNERAL.

The Skies are Draped in Mourning.

Crowds Throng the Streets and Follow the Illustrious Dead to Cave Hill.

Action of the Kentucky Legislature.

Resolutions of the Regents of the Kentucky School of Medicine.

The Religious Ceremonies.

&c., &c., &c.

Yesterday, the day appointed for the funeral of Mr. Prentice, was ushered in with a cold and disagreeable rain which poured down incessantly from daylight to dark. Nevertheless it did not hinder the thousands of Mr. Prentice's friends from paying the last tribute of respect to his memory.

IN STATE AT MASONIC TEMPLE.

The remains lay in state at Masonic Temple from 9 to 1 o'clock, and, notwithstanding the very inclement weather, not less than fifteen thousand persons visited them. There was a constant throng of ladies and gentlemen. The hall in which the remains lay was draped in mourning and the coffin was beautifully decorated with flowers. Thousands who had known the illustrious dead in life thronged around the coffin to take a last view of the remains, and almost every one remarked on the peculiar appearance of the features. Mr. Prentice looked much younger in death than he did a few weeks before, when he walked the streets in excellent health. The long beard which he has allowed to grow since the death of Mrs. Prentice was only slightly sprinkled with gray, no wrinkles were visible on the forehead or face, and with the exception of the sunken eyes and cheeks, the features of the dead editor did not appear to be more than forty or forty-five years of age. One sad and general remark was that the noble expression which lit up Mr. Prentice's face had been lost in death. This was the result of emaciation caused by the severe spell of sickness which preceded his death. Many affecting incidents occurred at the coffin, but the most touching of all was that of a lady, unrecognized by any there present, who came in, gazed a moment on the still, pale face, and then, removing some withered flowers that lay in a wreath over the breast of the deceased, dropped a newly opened rose there, and, bursting into tears, turned and passed away. It was an expression of true affection, and caused tears to come to the eyes of every one present. No one knew the lady, and she came and went so quietly and unostentatiously that few even ventured to inquire.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCH.

The remains were taken from the hall to Christ's church at 2 o'clock under escort of the Masonic fraternity. The following were the pall-bearers:

Gov. T. E. Bramlette, Hon. Hamilton Pope,
Dr. J. W. Benson, Hon. Jas. Guthrie,
Gen. Z. M. Sharpe, Judge Caswell,
John L. Kirby, G. W. Griffin,
W. N. Haldeman, Philip Dorsey,
Hon. H. W. Bruce, Dr. T. W. Colescott.

The following gentlemen were among those appointed as pall-bearers, but were kept away by the weather: W. F. Barret, Fortunatus Cosby, Dr. T. S. Bell, Isaac Everett, Henry Pirtle, and Jos. H. Bunce.

Arriving at the church, the beautiful Episcopal burial service was gone through with. Mesdames Harlan and Bullock, the former in deep mourning, took their places at the organ, repeating:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.—[St. John, xi, 25, 26.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.—[Job. xix, 25, 26, 27.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.—[1 Tim., vi, 7. Job, i, 21.

Arriving before the altar the choir chanted the following taken from the 39th and 90th psalms:

Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee: and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offenses; and make me not a rebuke unto the fool-h.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away and we are gone.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then followed the lesson, taken from the fifteenth chapter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are his at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto Him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead? and why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain.

But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him; and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written: The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: The second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The following beautiful hymn was then sung by the choir:

Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!
E'en tho' it be a cross
That raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

Though like a wanderer,
Daylight all gone,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

There let the way appear
Steps up to heaven;
All that thou sendest me
In mercy given,
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

Or, if on joyful wing,
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot,
Upward I fly;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

The following prayer was then delivered, which concluded the funeral services:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth, though he die, shall be live; and who never dieth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Jesus; we humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in thee; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

On the conclusion of the services it was announced that the Masonic ceremonies at the grave would be postponed till some future day, and that on arriving at the cemetery the remains would be placed in a vault. The coffin was then borne back to the hearse, and the long cortege, nearly a half mile in length, started for Cave Hill. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather at the funeral was very large. The church was crowded.

AT THE CEMETERY.

There was no formal ceremony at the cemetery. The rain was falling fast when the procession of carriages arrived, so the remains were placed in the vault, viewed for the last time by the large throng of persons present who descended from the carriages and gathered around the place, when the vault was closed and all returned to the city. The day for the Masonic and final ceremonies has not yet been fixed, but the time will be duly announced, so as to give the public generally a better opportunity of paying the last tribute of respect to the distinguished and highly-gifted dead.

ACTION OF THE CITY.

The Jefferson Circuit Court, Hon. H. W. Bruce, Judge, met yesterday morning at the usual hour, in Colonel Hill's office, to speak of the death of George D. Prentice, and paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the great man. Colonel Lee's address was followed by appropriate speeches by Colonel Sam Harney, W. L. Jackson, J. Rowland Price, W. R. Kinner, S. M. Bernard, ex-Governor Thomas E. Bramlette, and Colonel Charles A. Gilly; and, after pronouncing a brief but fitting eulogy on the deceased, Judge Bruce announced that the Court do now adjourn, out of respect to the memory of George Dennison Prentice, the leader of the American press, the poet, the scholar, the philosopher, the statesman, the patriot, the philanthropist.

In the County Court J. G. Wilson, Esq., announced the death of Mr. Prentice, and moved that the court, as a mark of respect to the dead patriot editor, do now adjourn, out of respect to the master to the press of Kentucky, his adopted State, and whose genial and kindly heart and nobleness of soul had endeared him to every citizen, do now adjourn.

In the Common Pleas Court Judge Joshua F. Bullitt made a motion to adjourn, and followed it with a beautiful and touching tribute to the memory of the deceased. Judge Stites responded in a happy manner, and ordered the court adjourned in respect to the memory of Geo. D. Prentice.

The City Court, after transacting some necessary business, adjourned also.

ACTION OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

In the Legislature of Kentucky on yesterday, the following proceedings were had in regard to the death of Mr. Prentice:

Mr. Duke offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The death of George D. Prentice deprives the State of Kentucky of one of her oldest and best known citizens, and removes from the public press of the country its most distinguished ornament; and whereas, the universal regret which this event inspires is shared by the Representatives of Kentucky; and whereas it becomes, some suitable recognition and formal testimonial of appreciation, of the loss he has sustained at the moment, than the great services of Mr. Prentice to the literature and journalism of his time; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That Henry Watterson, on account of his close personal and professional relations with Mr. Prentice, and his intimate knowledge of his life and character, be and he hereby, requested to deliver a memorial address, at some early day, upon the career and services of the distinguished dead statesman and patriot.

Mr. McAtee offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be hereby granted to Henry Watterson on Thursday night, January 27th, 1870, for the purpose of delivering a memorial address on the life and character of George D. Prentice, deceased.

ACTION OF THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE.

In the Tennessee House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Fleming introduced a preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted, in relation to the death of Mr. Prentice, which will be found in the proceedings in the Nashville special. A copy of the resolution was ordered to be forwarded to the Speaker of each House of the Kentucky Legislature.

At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Kentucky School of Medicine, held on the 31st day of January, 1870, the President, Benjamin Roberts, in announcing the death of George D. Prentice, Esq., one of the regents. Thereupon W. R. Thompson offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

"George D. Prentice has gone from the earth forever,' and we meet to condole with each other.

We have lost our brother regent, our cherished friend, our sagacious adviser. Education has lost a champion, literature a bright ornament, truth a lover, philosophy a follower, poesy a worshipper, and freedom a defender.

"But he has left behind him 'a glorious throng of happy dreams,' and visions of loveliness and beauty to gladden the world.

Though he inherited his smile, logic sought his grasp, satire flew to his beck, while love and charity were his companions.

"He was genial and instructive—his wit entertained the social circle, and especially the poets and artists, while his wisdom commanded the admiration of all.

"*Resolved*, That we mourn his loss, and will ever cherish his memory; that he was ever faithful to his trusts, and this college has lost one of its firmest and most useful friends.

"*Resolved*, That we tender to his family and friends our warmest sympathies.

"*Resolved*, That we will attend his funeral in a body, and that these expressions be spread upon our records, and be published in the daily newspapers.

JOHN ROBERTS, Pres't.

"H. A. HUGHES, Sec'y."

MANILA.—A BALLAD OF CALIFORNIA.

BY BAYARD TAYLOR.

From the doorway, Manuela, in the sunny April morning,
Southward looks, along the valley, over leagues of gleaming corn,
Where the mountain's misty rampart like the wall of Eden towers,
And the lilies of the field are sleeping on a painted sea of flowers.

All the air is full of music, for the winter rains are over,
And the noisy magpies chatter from the budding sycamore;
Blithely pipe the unnumbered squirrels, over all the grassy slope;
Where the airy summits brighten, nimbly leaps the antelope.

Gentle eyes of Manuela! tell me wherefore do ye rest
On the oak's enchanted islands and the flowery crest?
Tell me wherefore, down the valley, ye have traced the highway's mark
Far beyond the purple cliff of timber, to the mountain-shadows dark?

Ah, the fragrant hay may blossom, and the sprouting verdure shine!
With the tears of amber dropping from the tassels of the vine,
And the morning's breath of bliss hath lit an Hlithely bright
her sunny cheek—
Little reckoth Manuela of the tales of Spring they speak.

When the Summer's burning sunshine on the mountain harvests glowed,
She had watched a railand horseman riding down the road,
Many times she saw him turning, looking back with parting thrills,
Till amid her tears she lost him, in the shadow of the hills.

Ere the cloudless moons were over, he had passed the deserts' sand—
Crossed the rushing Colorado and the wild Apache land,
And his laden mules were driven, when the time of rains began,
With the traders of Chihuahua, to the Fair of San Juan.

Therefore watches Manuela—therefore lightly doth she sing,
When the sound of distant footsteps seems the beating of her heart;
Not a whir the green oak flutters or the red-wood branches stir,
But she hears the silver jingle of his ringing bit and spurs.

Often, out of the hazy distance, come the horsemen, day by day,
But they come not as Bernardo—she can see it, far away;
Well she knows the airy gallop of his metiled bhazin,
Light as any antelope upon the hills of Gavilan.

She would know him 'mid a thousand, by his free
By the neatly-knit sarape, such as wealthy traders wear;
By his broidered cazoneros and his saddle, aasily spread,
With its cantle, rimmed with silver, and its horn a-head.

None like him the light riata on the maddened bull can throw;
None unhorse the mountain-canons track like him the stealthy doe;
And at all the mission festals, few indeed the men
Who can dance with him the jota, touch with him the gay guitar.

He has said to Manuela, and the echoes linger still
In the cloisters of her bosom, with a secret, tender thrill,
When the bay again has blossomed, and the valley stands in corn,
Shall the bells of Santa Clara usher in the wedding morn.

He has pictured the procession, all in holiday
And the laugh of bridal gladness when they see the distant spires—
Then their love shall kindle newly, and the world be doubly fair
In the misty, delicious crystal of the summer morning air.

Tender eyes of Manuela! what has dimmed your lustrous beam?
'Tis a fear that rides the glitter on the casket of her dream.
Ah, the eye of love must brighten, if its watches would be true,
For the star is falsely mirrored in the rose's drop of dew.

But her eager eyes rekindle, and her breathless bosom thrills,
As she sees a horseman moving in the shadow of the hills!
Now is love and fond thanksgiving they may lose their pearly tides—
'Tis the alcayan that gallops, 'tis Bernardo's left his bride!

An occasional correspondent, meeting a party of settlers the other day in Texas, inquired from the conductor what the men in the first wagon were intended for. "To clear the forests," "Well," said he, "and what are those in the second for?" "To build the huts," was the reply. "And that old white-headed man in the third wagon; what is he for?" "Oh! that is my father—we shall open our new cemetery with him."

BULLS.

Laughable Examples of the Tendency in Writing and Speaking.

[From Appleton's Journal.]

One kind of involuntary wit has been assimilated by the Irish. It did not originate with that nation, nor is it peculiar to it. A good proportion of the stories cited in the Annals of Hierocles, written nearly three thousand years ago, are excellent specimens of the Irish bull; and it may be found in poetry and history and speeches, as well as in every-day conversations, all the world over. The reckless and rollicking temperament of the Irishman, however, asserts itself in the use of language, as in everything else, and renders him especially susceptible to queer and incongruous use of words.

That unconscious and perennial freshness that belongs to nearly everything from the Emerald Isle seems to pertain also to the Irish bull. I am never tired of reading anecdotes of Sir Boyle Roche, who may perhaps, without misconstruction, be called the father of Irish bulls, to whom the world is indebted for some of the finest recorded specimens of this particular species of wilicism—specimens so exquisitely perfect, that Cuvier used to insist, humorously, that they were carefully prepared.

If that had been true, they might perhaps have been classed as a new figure of speech, or might even have claimed recognition as the catachresis; but being a trope of so bold a description that "necessity makes it borrow and employ an expression or term contrary to the thing it means to express." That is a tolerably good description of an Irish bull. As an example of catachresis, Webster quotes:

"Her voice was but the shadow of a sound."

Now, the shadow of a sound, though it may be a pleasant suggestion to the fancy, is quite as impossible a thing as the "cowld comfort" in which Bridget supposed ice cream to be baked, or the cheers with which a New York reporter greeted the Prince of Wales on his journey up the Hudson, was greeted by the pupils of the deaf and dumb institution.

Most of Sir Boyle's sayings have become household words; but it may not be unpleasant to the reader to hear two or three of them. It was he who gave utterance to the profound aphorism, "Single misfortunes never come alone, and the greatest of all possible misfortunes is generally followed by a speech." "Sir," said he one day in the Irish House of Commons, "I do not see why we should put ourselves out of the way to serve posterity. What has posterity done for us?" He was interrupted by a burst of laughter, and proceeded to explain: "I mean by posterity, Mr. Speaker," said he, "I do not mean our ancestors, but those who are to come immediately after them." In these times of short measures, perhaps, we should find nothing very absurd in the bill which he introduced, providing that every quart bottle should hold a quart. We seem to need something like that at the present day. It was he who robbed the shoemaker from whom he had ordered shoes for his gouty limbs: "I told you to make one longer than the other," said he, "and, instead of that, you have made one smaller than the other; the exact opposite." During the troublous times that came upon the country, there was great insecurity of life, and in a letter to a friend from his country-house he wrote: "You may judge of our state when I tell you that I write this with a pistol in each hand and a sword in the other." His penmanship must have been rather poor, with his hands so full!

It was in this same Irish House of Commons that a bill was introduced to cause the watchmen to sleep in the daytime, in order that they might be more wakeful at night. A report of the debate said that the mover was left in a great minority. But this was not nearly so bad as the act which may be found in chapter 418 of the 36 sess. Laws of the State of New York for 1863, providing that every convict in our State prisons may, by obedience and good behavior, earn a commutation or diminution of the term of his sentence of two days for every six months, and closing with this language: "providing, however, that the provisions of this act shall not effect the case of any person who shall be under a sentence of imprisonment for the term of his natural life." It would be difficult to see how it would affect the case of such a person, even without this clause.

Probably one of the most casually reading the following sentence in an account of an Irish duel, would detect